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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS OF US COMPLICITY IN ISRAELI RAID

REF: STATE 68056

1. WE HAVE TAKEN UP INFLAMMATORY PRESS STATEMENTS WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION WHO IS CLOSE TP PRES FRANGIE. HE WAS SYMPATHETIC BUT POINTED OUT THAT GOL ITSELF HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN RAID BY SLANDEROUS AND SCURRILOUS FEDAYEEN STATEMENTS. GOVT HAD CONSIDERED MAKING STATEMENT IN ITS OWN DEFENSE BUT GIVENN PRESENT MOOD OF THE POPULATION DECIDED WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO. CONSEQUENTLY, IF GOVT COULD NOT DEFEND ITSELF IN THIS REGARD IT COULD HARDLY DEFEND SOMEONE ELSE.

2. DESPITE UNLIKELYHOOD ANY PAPER BEING WILLING TO DO SO, GIVEN VOLATILE STATE OF PUBLIC OPINION HERE, WE HAD ALREADY BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL, IN ADDITION TO OUR DENIAL, ENDEAVORED TO PLANT MATERIAL FOR COUNTERING FEDAYEEN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST US IN SEVERAL PAPERS. NO PAPER HAS AS YET BEEN WILLING TO PUBLISH SUCH MATERIAL. FEAR OF FEDAYEEN RETALIATION IS OF COURSE VERY MUCH A FACTOR IN ATTITUDE OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS AT THIS JUNCTURE.

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